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of standees aboard school buses. Recently, a federal evaluation team from the U. S. Department of Transportation indicated in their evaluation report that the state of Nebraska was not in compliance with the previously mentioned standard concerning the elimination of standees aboard the buses. And so, ladies and gentlemen, for the purpose of clarification of the bill that failed to get off of General File a few days ago, I have offered this amendment for that clarification and I would propose first that we approve this amendment.

SENATOR SIMPSON PRESIDING

SPEAKER: The next one to speak will be Senator Dickinson. Before you speak, I wish we could be just a little more quiet. We have too much individual debate going on and Senator Dickinson has something important to say.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to make crystal clear and I have a question of, perhaps, both the Chair and maybe the Clerk as to whether or not this amendment affects the General File amendment adopted last week. I don't know. I want to know that before we vote on this.

SPEAKER: Who are you asking?

SENATOR DICKINSON: Anybody that wants to answer, sir. Senator Swigart thinks it does not affect the Lewis amendment. I would like to have that verified. Not that I don't...I just don't want any mistake made. That is all.

SPEAKER: Senator Swigart, will you answer the question?

SENATOR SWIGART: Yes. Senator Dickinson, I talked to a Mr. Cutshall about this matter and asked him to prepare an amendment and he prepared the wrong amendment first, and I said, this cuts out the Lewis amendment, doesn't it and he said, yes. So I said, please go back and give us an amendment that does not interfere with the Lewis amendment. I want it to be treated separately.

SENATOR DICKINSON: OK. Then for the record, Mr. President, this does strike the Committee amendment. The Lewis amendment was adopted after that, and on that basis, I would assume that what he is saying is correct and this is on the record. We don't want any misunderstanding at a later date that school district owned buses are exempt from this regulation.

SPEAKER: All right. Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I have a question of the introducer of this bill or two that bothers me. Would you yield?

SPEAKER: All right. State your question.

SENATOR KOCH: Senator Swigart, are you certain that this excludes the fleets that are owned by the schools, themselves? Are you certain?